

SPECIAL MEETING – MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
April 28, 2015

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the special meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Kegler, Kochenburger, Marcellino, Moran, Paterson, Raymond, Ryan, Shapiro, Wassmundt

II. STAFF REPORTS

The Director of Finance provided information previously requested by Councilors, staff responded to questions on the updates. The Town Manager reported that he will have information on the fully built out value of Storrs Center's Phase 2 and Phase 3 in the near future.

III. ADOPTION OF BUDGET AND RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. Ryan moved and Ms. Moran seconded to approve the following resolutions:

RESOLVED: That the General Fund Budget for the Town of Mansfield, totaling \$38,644,100 is hereby adopted as the proposed operating budget for the Town of Mansfield for the fiscal year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

RESOLVED: That the Capital Fund Budget for the Town of Mansfield, totaling \$2,478,900 is hereby adopted as the capital improvements to be undertaken during fiscal year 2015/16 or later years.

RESOLVED: That the proposed Capital and Non-Recurring Reserve Fund Budget for fiscal year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 in the amount of \$2,240,470 be adopted.

It is further resolved, that the following Appropriations Act be recommended for adoption at the annual Town Meeting for budget consideration:

RESOLVED: That the proposed General Fund Budget for the Town of Mansfield for fiscal year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 in the amount of \$38,644,100 which proposed budget was adopted by the Council on April (to be determined), 2015, be adopted and that the sums estimated and set forth in said budget be appropriated for the purpose indicated.

RESOLVED: That in accordance with the Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-51, the proportionate share for the Town of Mansfield of the annual budget for Regional School District No.19 shall be added to the General Fund Budget appropriation for the Town of Mansfield for fiscal year July 1, 2015 to June 30,

2016 and said sums shall be paid by the Town to the Regional School District as they become available.

RESOLVED: That the proposed Capital Projects Budget for fiscal year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 in the amount of \$2,478,900 be adopted provided that the portion proposed to be funded by bonds or notes shall, at the appropriate times, be introduced for action by the Town Council subject to a vote by referendum as required by Section 407 of the Town Charter.

RESOLVED: That the proposed Capital and Non-Recurring Reserve Fund Budget for fiscal year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 in the amount of \$2,240,470 be adopted.

Mr. Ryan moved and Mr. Shapiro seconded to amend the motion to add \$148,000 to the Fund Balance Budget.

The motion passed with Kochenburger, Marcellino, Moran, Paterson, Ryan, and Shapiro in favor and Kegler, Raymond and Wassmundt opposed.

Mr. Kegler moved and Ms. Raymond seconded to amend the motion by eliminating the three additional positions in the Town Government budget.

Mr. Shapiro moved and Ms. Moran seconded to divide the question and consider each position separately.

The motion to divide passed with Kochenburger, Marcellino, Moran, Paterson, Ryan, Shapiro and Wassmundt in favor and Kegler and Raymond opposed.

The motion to further amend the motion by eliminating the Finance position failed with Kegler, Raymond and Wassmundt in favor and Kochenburger, Marcellino, Moran, Paterson, Ryan and Shapiro in opposition.

The motion to further amend the motion by eliminating the Public Works Specialist position failed with Kegler, Raymond and Wassmundt in favor and Kochenburger, Marcellino, Moran, Paterson, Ryan and Shapiro in opposition.

The motion to further amend the motion by eliminating the fulltime Firefighter position failed with Kegler, Raymond and Wassmundt in favor and Kochenburger, Marcellino, Moran, Paterson, Ryan and Shapiro in opposition.

Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Ryan seconded to amend the amended motion by not filling the Firefighter position earlier than January 1, 2016. The motion passed with Kegler, Kochenburger, Marcellino, Moran, Paterson, Raymond, Ryan, and Shapiro in favor and Wassmundt opposed.

Mr. Shapiro moved and Mr. Ryan seconded to amend the amended motion by reducing the General Fund contribution to Capital for the playground account in the amount of \$40,000. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Shapiro moved and Mr. Ryan seconded to amend the amended motion by reducing the Engineering account for Dam EAP by \$17,800. The motion passed unanimously.

The Director of Finance provided the new amounts for the General Fund, Capital Fund and Capital and Non-Recurring Reserve Fund and estimated the resulting mill rate will be 30.13.

The Fiscal Year 2015/2016 Budget, as amended, passed with Kochenburger, Marcellino, Moran, Paterson, Ryan, and Shapiro in favor and Kegler, Raymond and Wassmundt opposed.

The motion now reads:

RESOLVED: That the General Fund Budget for the Town of Mansfield, totaling \$38,553,720 is hereby adopted as the proposed operating budget for the Town of Mansfield for the fiscal year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

RESOLVED: That the Capital Fund Budget for the Town of Mansfield, totaling \$2,438,900 is hereby adopted as the capital improvements to be undertaken during fiscal year 2015/16 or later years.

RESOLVED: That the proposed Capital and Non-Recurring Reserve Fund Budget for fiscal year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 in the amount of \$2,200,470 be adopted.

It is further resolved, that the following Appropriations Act be recommended for adoption at the annual Town Meeting for budget consideration:

RESOLVED: That the proposed General Fund Budget for the Town of Mansfield for fiscal year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 in the amount of \$38,553,720 which proposed budget was adopted by the Council on April 28, 2015, be adopted and that the sums estimated and set forth in said budget be appropriated for the purpose indicated.

RESOLVED: That in accordance with the Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-51, the proportionate share for the Town of Mansfield of the annual budget for Regional School District No.19 shall be added to the General Fund Budget appropriation for the Town of Mansfield for fiscal year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 and said sums shall be paid by the Town to the Regional School District as they become available.

RESOLVED: That the proposed Capital Projects Budget for fiscal year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 in the amount of \$2,438,900 be adopted provided that the portion proposed to be funded by bonds or notes shall, at the appropriate times,

be introduced for action by the Town Council subject to a vote by referendum as required by Section 407 of the Town Charter.

RESOLVED: That the proposed Capital and Non-Recurring Reserve Fund Budget for fiscal year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 in the amount of \$2,200,470 be adopted.

IV. NEXT STEPS

The Town Manager outlined the Town's efforts to publicize the upcoming Town Meeting and budget information including an expanded version of the Mansfield Minute to be mailed to all residents, Q-Notify, ads, and bill boards around Town. There will also be a Council Information Session held on May 6, 2015 in the Council Chamber.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Shapiro moved and Mr. Ryan seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Elizabeth C. Paterson, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk

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